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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1902.

Even the Honolulu Stock Exchange has given an intimation of better days ahead, as a result of the latest news from the sugar centers.

Voters who partake of Republican festivities can bank on it there will be no money for barbecues and luaua two years hence, if their ballots are cast for Home Rule candidates.

News that the Klondike ice playing out will not decrease the number of men ready to undergo terrible hardships searching for the pocket of gold that has probably been passed over by the hordes that have gone before.

Republicans unable to realize that the defeat of Wilcox is a business as well as party necessity must be put down as incapable of learning a lesson from the unpleasant examples which the financial condition of the Territory has offered for the past two years.

Mighty few citizens outside the legal fraternity were aware that our laws make arson punishable by death or life imprisonment. The police court case of Thursday should impress the voters that Hawaii's laws need vigorous amendment and we need capable men to do the work.

Miss Florence Lockwood Stokes received wedding presents valued at \$250,000. It is a dollar to a doughnut that Florence is not any happier than the bride of modest means whose wedding presents have a low cash valuation, but convey an expression of high regard which money cannot buy.

Sir Thomas Lipton's cup hunting trip will next season take the place which Prince Henry occupied this year. A visitor from the other side of the water is becoming a fad which Americans are playing to the limit. It not only keeps up the excitement, but makes the people less disposed to carry a chip on their shoulders when dealing with the foreigners.

Reports of the work done in the Free Kindergarten published in this issue give our people a very comprehensive review of the success attending this philanthropic movement. Though times may be hard and expansion may thereby suffer a temporary check, it is the duty of the community to make sacrifices if need be that the Free Kindergarten may at least be kept up to its present standard.

Secretary Shaw has no idea of building up a political machine in his department. By calling attention of employees of the Treasury Department to the most positive rules of the Civil Service, Shaw, who claims that an official loses usefulness at the end of his fourth year in the public service, also shows that he will not allow any political side issues to interfere with the men conducting the nation's business.

MERCANTILE CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

A thorough canvass of the mercantile houses ought to result in increasing the membership of the Merchants' Association fully fifty per cent. The present membership of the Association represents forty-eight business houses of the city, a good percentage being firms that are also represented in the Chamber of Commerce. These firms form the backbone of the new organization. Their idea, however, is to cooperate with rather than dominate the smaller mercantile houses. The larger houses have done and are doing their share. What can be accomplished has been demonstrated and it is apparent to every thoughtful business man that there is still a wide scope of opportunity.

The work of the Merchants' Association is specifically for the mercantile houses, the retail trades that have been and will continue to be the chief beneficiaries of the Association's activity. Every mercantile house of the city profited by the Merchants' Fair. Every retail trader of Honolulu will find his income increased by the proposed plan for developing tourist travel. The trade of every merchant will be improved through Federal payment of the fire claims, a project which the Merchants' Association forced to the front as a living business issue.

In every new departure the Merchants' Association is receiving the support and cooperation of the wholesale and commission houses. If anything is lacking it is equally enthusiastic assistance from the retailers. According to Secretary Harris, there are at least seventy-five firms in Honolulu that can be classed among those directly profiting by the organized effort of the Association, and doing a business that warrants their participation as members. The present membership is forty-eight. The additional twenty-seven that are not now connected with any business organization, can, if they will, make this Association one of the greatest powers within the Territory for improving business conditions. The expense is not large enough to constitute a burden upon any business house. The reformations that can be accomplished by the united action of the mercantile trade will pay the price of admission and a good dividend besides.

Hard times always serve the purpose of showing a community's weak places. The present depression in Honolulu is a very good demonstration that our business men have been too indifferent to their surroundings. They have left to others what should receive the personal and united attention of every business institution of the city. There has been too much personality; too little unity; too much time spent in proving what can't be done; too little energy expended in the doing.

Governor Odell's victory over United States Senator Platt puts Odell in the position of having to be forever on guard while Platt stays in politics. Platt has been defeated so many times and the victors finally given cause to regret it, that the man who now opposes the boss does well to bid adieu to political aspirations for the future.

Bryan having remarked upon the courage displayed by Tom L. Johnson in "barring his breast to the organized wealth of the nation" is giving "Bare Breasted Tom Johnson" a seat in politics alongside "Socksless Jerry Simpson" and others of his class who glory in a name.

CAN DRUNKARDS BE MALICIOUS?

[Boston Journal.]

Because he was intoxicated and did not know what he was doing, thereby making it impossible for the police to prove malicious intent, James McDonald was discharged by Special Justice Cutler in the Police Court of Chelsea yesterday morning, after having been arraigned on a charge of maliciously breaking glass in the building numbered 462 Eastern avenue, Chelsea. McDonald said he had been in a liquor store at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the window was broken, that he had been drinking, and was thrown out during a fight.

In summing up the case the court read a definition of the word malicious, and then said that a drunken man is for some crimes as responsible as a sober man, but that there are certain specific charges that may not be proved against him. If a drunken man breaks a pane of glass when he is in such a condition that he does not know what he is doing or can harbor no malice, he then becomes civilly liable for the damage, but cannot be punished criminally for the offense. When the proprietor considered McDonald too drunk to be served it was shown, the court said, that the defendant was in an irresponsible condition.

IF YOU WANT TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER, YOU MUST REGISTER.

KINDERGARTNERS ANNUAL MEETING

(Continued from Page 1.)

serve fund from the first half year has vanished like the "Cheshire cat," leaving only a smile as its memory.

Times are indeed hard now as compared to the days of ease and luxury two and a half years ago, when the requests for charity met such ready and large response. But, nothing daunted, on behalf of the fifteen children so happy and prosperous in this real "Home" the ways and means committee are about to sally forth and invite, urge or demand help, that these children may receive their due from their wealthier neighbors in the community.

A New Matron. It was with real regret that the ways and means committee parted with Mrs. Bettie, the loyal and loving "Auntie" of the home, who resigned to become matron in another institution. Most fortunately, however, it was possible to secure the services of Miss Jane Johnson, sister of the Matron. She is now settled in the Home and the work has been happily adjusted by the two sisters. One Japanese servant has been dismissed and the older children are being taught to do more domestic work.

Aside from the gifts in money made through the financial secretary, we have gratefully to acknowledge the following donations made to the home: Mrs. Henry Castle, \$5 for Christmas and various other things, including fruits and vegetables; Mrs. Coleman, \$5 and Hawaiian cook book; Mrs. W. R. Castle, \$13, pictures and second hand clothing; Mrs. Weaver, fruit, vegetables and a Christmas cake; Miss Nellie White, \$12; Mrs. Marx, fruit and cake; Mrs. Swaney, second hand clothing; Mrs. Gorman, a dozen combs; Mrs. Atherton, a scrap book; Mrs. Chas. Atherton, a croquet set; Mrs. Willard Brown and Mrs. Theo. Richards, second hand clothing; Mrs. Slesner, \$4.50; Mrs. Hopper, \$5; Miss Margaret Hopper, \$5; Mrs. Mary D. Frear, \$5, fruit and eggs; Miss Sarah Flaxman, \$1; Miss Kate Atherton, \$1; McChesney & Sons, box of apples; Chinese vegetable man, box of oranges, ginger, tea and firecrackers; Chinese washerman, liche nuts and ginger; Mr. Wells, tomatoes; Mr. Clark, pineapples; and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cooke, fruit, vegetables, book and second hand clothing.

Will not everyone who reads this report consider whether or not he may not give something, if need be gives nothing more if need be gives something to the Castle Home.

MARY DILLINGHAM FREAR. Next followed a financial statement by Mrs. Frear, secretary of the Castle Home for Children. It showed \$2,706.19 in credits and \$2,660.70 in debits, leaving a balance on hand, Oct. 1, of \$45.49.

Mrs. McDonald reported as follows on the Day Nursery:

Ladies of the Board:—The work of the Day Nursery for the time being, is finished. Your committee did its work according to what seemed to be best, but children were not sent as we had hoped they would be. The expenses were necessarily kept up, as the nursery must be open every day, if only one child was brought.

We had hoped the printed slips which were freely distributed, and which were in four languages, would induce mothers to send the children, so that our house would be filled. But two or three more babies were all that came.

Nursery Discontinued. The committee which you appointed to consider the entire matter decided it would be best to close; so, July 1st, the nursery was discontinued.

I have with me an inventory of the furniture, etc., remaining in the building, the key of which is in the hands of Miss Johnson of the Castle Home.

Three Hundred Left. We have something over three hundred dollars in the treasury, which is at your disposal, but which it was thought best to retain as a fund for the beginning of some other work, such as a Children's Hospital, when a nucleus would be very acceptable.

During the months it was open, since our last annual meeting, we had an average number needing care, of four a day.

The working women of our city, who leave children at home, while they are away every day, seem to prefer to leave them in neighbors' care or let them take care of themselves as best they may. If the work ever seems to be a necessity we will be glad to have it again begun.

CLARA R. McDONALD.

General Report. Miss Frances Lawrence, who has supervision of all the kindergartens of the city, read a report covering the entire work. She stated that many of the problems which had started the kindergartens in the last few years had been solved by the untiring efforts of the workers.

The work during the past year had been very much the same as that of previous years. There had been the usual holiday seasons, the same excursions to beach and valleys and various places of interest about the city.

Parents of children in the kindergartens had shown their willingness to cooperate and were willing when called upon, to give money for the taking of their children on excursions.

The report mentioned the names of a number of people who had been particularly zealous in helping the kindergartens. All manner of supplies had

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been sent in and these were always gladly received, no matter what was sent, for kindergartners had the reputation of using anything they could lay their hands on. Special mention was made of the outing the children were given at the home of Mrs. Walter Hoffman in Nuuanu and of the band concert at Kawaiahaeo church and in the Capitol grounds, for the especial benefit of the children.

Miss Lawrence also reported for the training class, stating that the young ladies, twenty-four in all, were doing very well.

The next report was by Mrs. U. Thompson and dwelt upon medical attendance and sanitary measures. The report is as follows:

Medical Attendance. There have been 2,041 surgical dressings put on in the six kindergartens during the year, an average of 340 to each; \$20.90 have been paid for medical treatment and medicines.

There were nine visits made to Dr. Waterhouse in a single month. One child received electric treatment which has enabled him to stand, walk and play. Many cases of skin disease have been entirely cured. Vaccination by Dr. Hoffmann proved entirely successful. Parents no longer object to this process and are willing to pay.

Chinese Become Friendly. Children with pink-eye and other contagious diseases have been taken from the kindergartens and sometimes treated at home. Chinese parents and children have become very friendly and ask for medicine and advice.

I have been able to bring to the notice of Dr. Waterhouse several serious cases, one of them tubercular which was operated on and became entirely well. Many poor people consult ignorant doctors and submit to cruel and absurd treatment because it is cheap, costing only twenty-five cents.

Difficult to Remove. Dressings of beeswax, of which flies seem very fond, of human hair, colored cloth both cotton and woolen, paint, leaves, etc., are difficult to remove. One day I found ten children needing a thorough cleaning. I took four of them to the Day Nursery and they experienced new sensations. When all was done they were returned to the kindergarten in a happy frame of mind. This was on Friday, and the following Monday all the children of that kindergarten were clean.

Infection Little Understood. Infection is but little understood and I am sure that in some families one toilet article is used by all. One girl reported that her mother washed a very bad sore four times daily, but as the treatment made it worse, I suppose the work was not properly done.

Sanitary work in the kindergarten not only arouses an interest in teach-

er, parent and child, but prevents infection from spreading, and sometimes a real enthusiasm is aroused.

Experienced Eye Necessary. An experienced eye is needed to inspect all kindergartens, and the work is educational. There should be simple talks given to mothers and teachers. Sanitary work is now taught in the public schools of America.

It has been shown how wide an influence can be wielded by a broad-minded kindergarten, like Miss Anna Pope, who was the first to demand sanitary inspection and medical treatment for the kindergartens. She became the patron saint of many families in Palama.

Love the Reward. Do not regard a neglected child with horror and aversion; if you can better his condition, make him clean, bind up his sores with motherly care, from this moment his life will be a changed one and his love will be your reward.

Medicine and Sanitation. It is to the noble profession of medicine we owe modern sanitation. "Doctors have worked out and applied the germ theory of disease, abolished epidemics, showed the relation of pure air and water to health, and, short, set the real standard of municipal government," says a modern author.

Most important is the work of looking after the physical development of children in schools, and to meet their needs a dispensary should be conducted on the broadest philanthropic lines, by a skilled physician in sympathy with the needs of little children of the Poor. As helpers in this great work trained nurses and educated Hawaiian women could do well.

Thanks to Physicians. I will close with a few words of thanks to the leading physicians of Honolulu, who are in sympathy with our work, and who have aided us in every possible way, especially Drs. Wood and Day, the former being the means of providing us with a large amount of surgical dressings from the Board of Health. We have also to acknowledge help from Drs. Garvin, Hoffmann, Myers and others.

Our physician, Dr. Ernest Waterhouse, has been kind, helpful, sympathetic and skillful; his medicines have worked like a charm and he has been the means of great good to children of the kindergartens.

"Behold, through him, I give to thee,"

ALICE H. THOMPSON.

The matron of the Castle Home, Miss Johnson, was the next to report. She told of the number of children in the institution, the ones who had left and what had been accomplished during the year. Mrs. B. L. Marx reported on

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